

Reliance Insurance Company of Philadelphia
429 Walnut Street
Philadelphia
Philadelphia County
Pennsylvania

HABS No. PA-1465

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WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

Historic American Buildings Survey
National Park Service
Department of the Interior
Washington, D.C. 20240

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE	COUNTY	TOWN OR VICINITY
PENNSYLVANIA	PHILADELPHIA	PHILADELPHIA
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME)		HABS NO.
RELIANCE INSURANCE COMPANY OF PHILADELPHIA		PA-1465
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES)		
429 Walnut Street		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE)	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE)	
1881-82	Furness, Evans and Company, Philadelphia	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE)		
A late 19th century office building with peculiar features, which were a typical design of the renowned architects, Furness, Evans and Company. The building was demolished in 1960.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS)		
Brick with brownstone front.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE)		
Dimensions were approximately 22' (three bay front) X 50' with two- and three-story rear ell; four-and-a-half stories.		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE		
The first three stories of the front elevation had triple windows, centrally located. Also in the front elevation, on the sides of the second and third floors, were the long single windows; third floor windows had balconies. The roof was two overlapping gable roofs, with windows inserted between them. A pediment crowned the roofs.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED)		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES		
Interior altered, two-story rear ell addition built 1907; designed by architects Brockie and Hastings.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
The top floor was originally used as an apartment.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.)		
Letter from Reliance Insurance Company, October 5, 1961, for information on architects and construction dates.		
Webster, Richard. <u>Philadelphia Preserved</u> . Philadelphia: Temple University Press, 1976.		
COMPILER, AFFILIATION	DATE	
Susan McCown, Historic American Buildings Survey	June, 1984	

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